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SPOG Endorses Joe Mallahan for Mayor



The Seattle Police Officer's Guild is pleased to announce our endorsement of Joe Mallahan for Mayor of Seattle. Mr. Mallahan has continued to impress the Seattle Police Officers Guild with his vision for the city and his stance on public safety. He brings with him the leadership experience that is needed to right this city and bring the focus back to basic core responsibilities, including providing quality public safety for the citizens of Seattle.

Sergeant Rich O'Neill, President of the Seattle Police Officers Guild said, "It was obvious to us that Mr. Mallahan is the only candidate that has the leadership to handle any crisis and any situation that would arise in our city."

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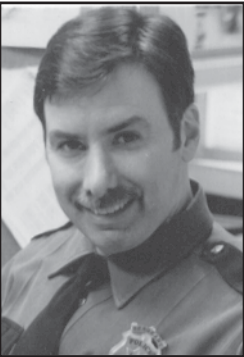
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President's Message

By Sergeant Rich O'Neill, SPOG President



I just returned from vacation and there is a running joke in the SPOG office that every time I take some time off, something big happens. Not always a good thing but usually a big thing. This past month the “big happening” was of course the primary election results in the City of Seattle. All of the candidates that we endorsed will move on to the primary. This is a credit to the SPOG Political Action Committee who took the time to review candidate questionnaires and to conduct in-depth interviews. The committee made thoughtful and insightful recommendations to the SPOG board. We had a better “endorsement record” than many civic and political groups as well as our local papers. The work is really just starting. We need to spread the word on the candidates that we’d like to see elected in November. I recognize that many of us do not live in the city and we are barred from engaging in political activities while on duty, but there are still many ways to help out. If you can spare a few hours we are always needing off-duty officers to show up at campaign events with our candidates. We also need volunteers to help the campaigns with phone banks and doorbelling. Lastly, just word of mouth. Let family and friends who vote in Seattle know who we’d like to see elected. The endorsement from police officers carries a lot of weight. Here is a pitch to retired officers: We can use you too! If you have a few hours to help out, give us a call at the SPOG office and we will put you on our list to call when an event pops up. Remember folks, these are the people who negotiate and approve your contract! They also vote on police budgets, so they have a direct influence on your training, equipment, and working conditions. I’d rather be dealing with friends in city hall than enemies.

The big news in the primary was of course the 3rd place finish of Mayor Nickels. I was not surprised by the outcome. I had told many on our PAC Committee that I was not certain he would make it past the primary and I turned out to be correct. I spoke with many other labor group leaders who vented about the sad state of labor relations in this city. Some of them ended up endorsing the Mayor for fear of retaliation, but privately they commented that they wanted a change at the top. The voters obviously agreed. I am not one to kick someone when they are down and there are plenty of talk shows discussing how an eight year incumbent failed to survive the primary. I will say this: You can’t keep ignoring the citizens and you can’t govern people with fear and intimidation. I had many cordial and friendly meetings with the Mayor and he was a pleasant enough guy. I also had interactions with several of his appointed staffers who had a very unpleasant way of doing business. The next Mayor will have to rebuild the trust of many community and labor groups. They didn’t appreciate the “Chicago Style” of this mayor. It does no good to be all smiles and warm and fuzzy while your appointed department heads and your own mayoral staff have a pit-bull mentality. The public sees right through that. My hope is that the next mayor will “listen.” Listen to the community members and listen to city workers. Don’t believe everything that comes out in briefings from department heads. Check with the worker bees to get “the rest of the story!” I also hope the next mayor sets clear expectations with his department heads on labor relations. Departments that are the cause a lot of Unfair Labor Practices to be filed against the city should be called to task. I think the Mayor should set the tone that good labor relations are very important and strive to appoint supervisors who share that opinion. This was sorely lacking in the Nickels administration and it carried over into the way they addressed the concerns of citizens.

A new mayor will also hopefully bring some new ideas and expectations to the department. Both Nickels and Kerlikowske are now gone, so I will urge the next mayor to revisit many of the decisions made by the duo. Neighborhood Policing, beat boundaries,

no relief squads and SPIDER are at the top of the list. We need to get back to basics. Citizens want to see officers in their neighborhoods. They want to know that when they dial 911, an officer will be arriving shortly. Citizens want pro-active officers and the vast majority of citizens don’t even know (or care) what OPA stands for. The next Mayor needs to inject the expectation that “common sense” should rule disciplinary decisions. Citizens want officers who focus on getting “bad guys” out of their neighborhoods instead of worrying about some frivolous complaint. I will also urge the new Mayor to adopt one of the recommendations from the previous Mayor’s Blue Ribbon Panel which has thus far been ignored: OPA should focus its investigative resources on SERIOUS acts of misconduct. The OPA should identify complaints of a less serious nature as early as possible and encourage resolution of these complaints through mediation. Serious acts of misconduct should be a pretty small category of the complaints received. But yet it is ignored and we have full blown investigations over rudeness and squabbles over terry stops. A new tone definitely needs to be set from the top down. As I wrote several months ago, a shakeup is in order.

The Mayoral election also reminded me of some wise advice that I received as a young officer. A wily veteran once told me to “relax.” He said that we are here for the long haul. The job is not a “sprint” but rather a “marathon.” We outlast bad supervisors, Chiefs and Mayors. It is definitely so true. I mention it to the new hires in orientation when I pass on that advice and tell them that one of the great things about SPD is our size. If you encounter “a jerk” for a supervisor, you can transfer or simply wait until they are moved. In a small department you would not enjoy that luxury. So my point is that the rank and file remains the constant when Mayors and commanders and policies change. This too shall pass!

Another big development was a recent ruling that came out of the Public Safety Civil Service Commission. The Commission unanimously overturned an “honesty” finding against an officer. This allegation was added by OPA simply because they did not believe the “version” offered by the officer. There were no witnesses or independent evidence to support the added charge. I think this ruling is very important for every officer. It also comes on the heels of two other rulings, by separate arbitrators, who came to the same conclusion. Dishonesty is NOT to be added by OPA without substantial evidence showing an officer lied. Not believing “a version” will not hold up on appeal. So now with three separate and independent rulings, all saying the same thing, I hope OPA gets the message.

Lastly, the Retired Officer’s banquet is set for September 9th at 6pm at the range. It is open to all active and retired officers. It is a great opportunity to see some former supervisors and squad mates. It is also an opportunity for new officers to hear some “incredible” stories about the old days of police work. I think it is also an opportunity to show our respect to the men and women who laid the foundation that we enjoy today. I hope to see you all there. Stay safe and back each other!



66th Annual Retired Officers Banquet

The 2009 Retired Officers’ Banquet is Wednesday, September 9th at the SPD Range Pavilion. The banquet is not just for retired officers anymore! It’s a really great evening and an opportunity for active duty officers to interact with and show their appreciation for those who served before them. There will be great food and a fun time for all, so we hope you will be able to join us!

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Please order \$15 tickets via department mail SPRA attn: Lisa) or U.S. mail (SPRA, 2517 Eastlake Ave E #101, Seattle WA 98102) with check payable to SPRA along with the names of those attending. Please feel free to enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope! If you do not need to pay (for yourself or for a guest), you may order your complimentary ticket via telephone (206) 726-9095 or email Lisa at (lisar@reliefassociation.org). All tickets and nametags will be mailed to you.

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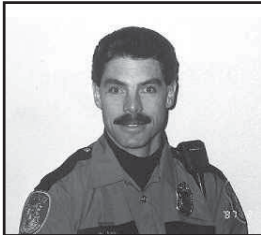
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Defensive Driving: Fatigue and Stress Awareness

By John Abraham, SPOG Sergeant-at-Arms and
SPD Safety Coordinator

Hi Gang: Another Seafair has come and gone and we are back to our normal work routine. Not! With Mariners, Sounders and Seahawks games, the Danskin Triathlon, Hemp Fest, rock concerts and all the other activities that are going on in our fair city, there is a very real effect on each of us. The result of all the long hours and lack of adequate sleep create untold stress and fatigue. As a result of this we get into more collisions during the months of July and August. Add to this the increase of traffic from all the sporting and entertainment events, the visitors in town for these events who have absolutely no idea where they are going or how to get there and you have the makings of the “Perfect Collision”!

Webster defines stress as bodily or mental tension resulting from factors that tend to alter an existing equilibrium; and fatigue as your body’s reaction to prolonged physical or mental activity.

The effects of fatigue on driving performance can be very similar to the effects of alcohol or other drugs.

A fatigued driver is more likely to ignore or be unable to recognize important signs and signals while on the road, which are vital to safe driving. They may be more affected by sunlight, headlights or other bright light. They may misjudge speed and distance of other vehicles. They may take more risks like passing on the right instead of the left and making other unsafe driving maneuvers. They may also, not that this would ever happen, become irritable, discourteous or overreact to minor irritations.

With that said, get as much sleep as you can. Fatigue is responsible for about 13% of all traffic fatalities nationally. 87% of crashes from fatigue or falling asleep are fatal. The amount of sleep you require will vary with each of you. If you get

enough sleep you should not fall asleep in a passive situation such as watching TV or reading a book. Lack of adequate sleep can impair your attention span and reaction time. Now lets throw stress into the mix. When you decided to become a police officer you knew the dangers you might face, and you train to protect yourself against these situations that may occur during your shifts. But who trained you to deal with the stressors of the job? You are told about the high divorce rates, excessive alcohol consumption and about long term physical illnesses from the years of police work. When you started did you believe them? I didn’t; I was ten feet tall and bullet proof.

Everyone told you what a great job you were getting into. They couldn’t tell you what you were going to have to deal with within yourself after your shift is over. You equate driving as part of the work required but throw in all the stress of the job and driving is very high risk for injury.

Some of the common signs of stress are headaches, fatigue, low energy, muscle aches and stiffness, backaches, insomnia, skin rashes, appetite change, cold extremities and indigestion.

Over time stress can have a major toll on the body. Physical disorders can include coronary heart disease, heart attack, diabetes, allergies, arthritis, high blood pressure, hypertension, ulcers, asthma, sinus problems and last but not least, sexual dysfunction.

Understanding ways to cope with stress and fatigue and the difficulties of the profession may save your life or the life of another officer some day. We drive over 5,000,000 miles a year and we average 200 crashes. So remember.....Your profession is law enforcement, but your job is to go home at the end of your shift!

Mackenzie Peters Update

By Mike Scott, SPD Retired

Fellow officers and friends,

My wife Shirley and I would like to start by saying thank you to all who sent donations and such wonderful and thoughtful well wishes for our granddaughter Mackenzie.

Getting her a wheelchair van is still our highest priority. We still have a ways to go, but are very hopeful. Safety is our main concern and the type of van we need is a rear-entry that also has a side seat so her nurse can sit next to her in case of an emergency. This type is very hard to find especially in our price range. The need to get her the van is even greater now that she has reached over 40-pounds and her nurses are no longer allowed to lift her, which means my wife does most of the lifting. Shirley is only 5-feet tall so this is a little difficult.

We know times are financially hard for everyone right now, and we hate to ask again for your help, but if you can see your way, I promise it will go to a great cause.

Mackenzie is a beautiful 7 year old with lavender eyes and the most beautiful curly hair. She can’t speak with words but her smiles say it all. Her disabilities never get her down; she just seems to know that she has to try just a little harder than other kids her age. She’s had 38 surgeries in her short time on this earth, and another one next month. She’s always been a little fighter and refuses to give in to pain. I hope someday you can all meet her and I know she’ll melt your hearts like she has ours.

Thank you all,

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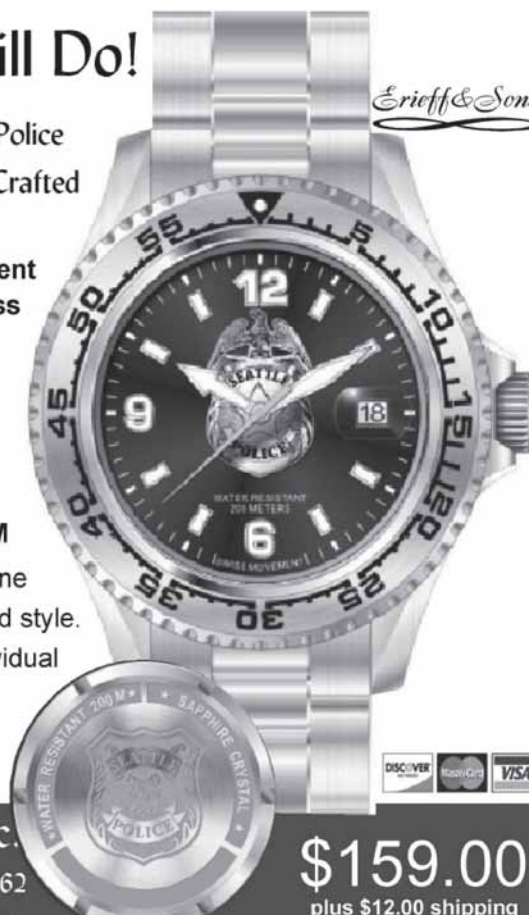
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Chaplain’s Corner

By Chaplain John Oas

As many of us know the nation of Israel made a significant move out of Egypt very early in their history. In fact, they had to do this to become a nation of their own. Much can be said about these one million plus crossing the Red Sea and into the Sinai Desert.

But, an interesting portion of this event lingers in my memory. There’s the ‘dry land’, the ‘Egyptians’, the ‘weather and distance’; but little is said about the fact that they reached the desert safely - only to be faced with no water.

And, boy did the complaining begin to rise. It was a ground swell that Moses endured with much patience. “How could you bring us so far and not think that we might become

thirsty?” “Get your act together Moses!” And, I am sure it grew worse.

Yet, within a few steps of where they were, God was planning a feast of ‘manna’ that would carry Israel on through 40 years. They were grumbling and threatening now - not aware of what was ‘just around the corner’. We haven’t changed much have we?

Today we complain about heat, taxes, government, leadership, prices, routines and chores... But, within a few days things often get better. Within a few days, we realize that we really are so blessed. Within a few days, we are overwhelmed by the blessings we truly have.

Let’s determine to be more grateful and a lot less prone to complain.

PS: Special prayers and thoughts, as well, for Kris Goetz in the death of Mike... We love you!

May His very best be yours,

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Chaplain John Oas is the Chaplain for the Seattle Police Department. During a typical month, Chaplain Oas will have counseling contacts with Department employees and their families for career, discipline, death/illness, alcohol & substance abuse, or family problems. He is also available for and has participated in numerous emergency calls, hospital visits, weddings, baptisms and funerals.

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Officer Carolee Collins, SPOC

25 years of Service

Officer Dave Emery, Southwest Precinct

20 years of Service

Detective Karen Haverkate, FFFE
Officer Bernie Patton, Harbor

15 years of Service

Sergeant Eric Greening, Narcotics
Detective Dori Davis, NETF
Detective Jennifer Spong, DV
Detective Shane St. John, SW Detectives
Officer Randy Shelhorse, East Precinct
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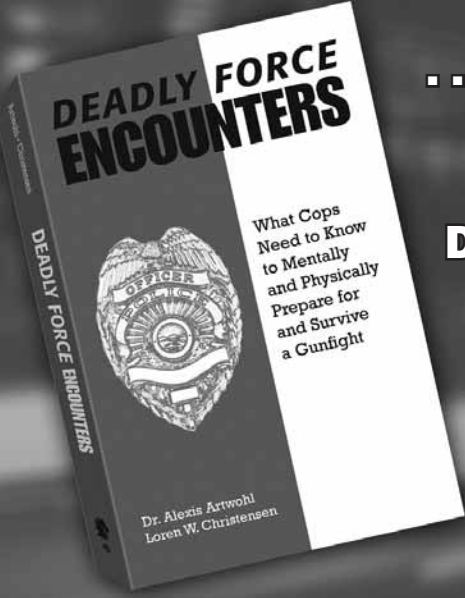
The co-author of **Deadly Force Encounters**, Dr. Alexis Artwohl, is coming to the WSCJTC (main auditorium) on October 6 & 7, 2009 to present information on “Officer Survival—Physical, Psychological and Legal” (what she calls the “survival triangle”). She comes highly recommended by a number of SPD officers who have heard her speak and/or read her book.

This is a free training for regional law enforcement officers paid for by the Seattle Police Department. Many of the topic areas have direct impact and applicability for our spouses and significant others. To that end, the training will also be open to those close to LE officers who might benefit in hearing about the topics from a clinical psychologist who has worked with police officers and their families for many years. Dr. Artwohl is married to a retired Portland, OR police officer, Asst. Chief Dave Butzer, and has presented all over the country and internationally.

Email Paula Wesson (Paula.Wesson@Seattle.gov) to register for either or both days. Current SPD officers should obtain approval from their Chain of Command before registering.

For more information you may view her website, <http://alexisartwohl.com/> or contact Lt. Jim Dermody (James.Dermody@Seattle.gov) or Off. Christie-Lynne Bonner (bonnerc@Seattle.gov).

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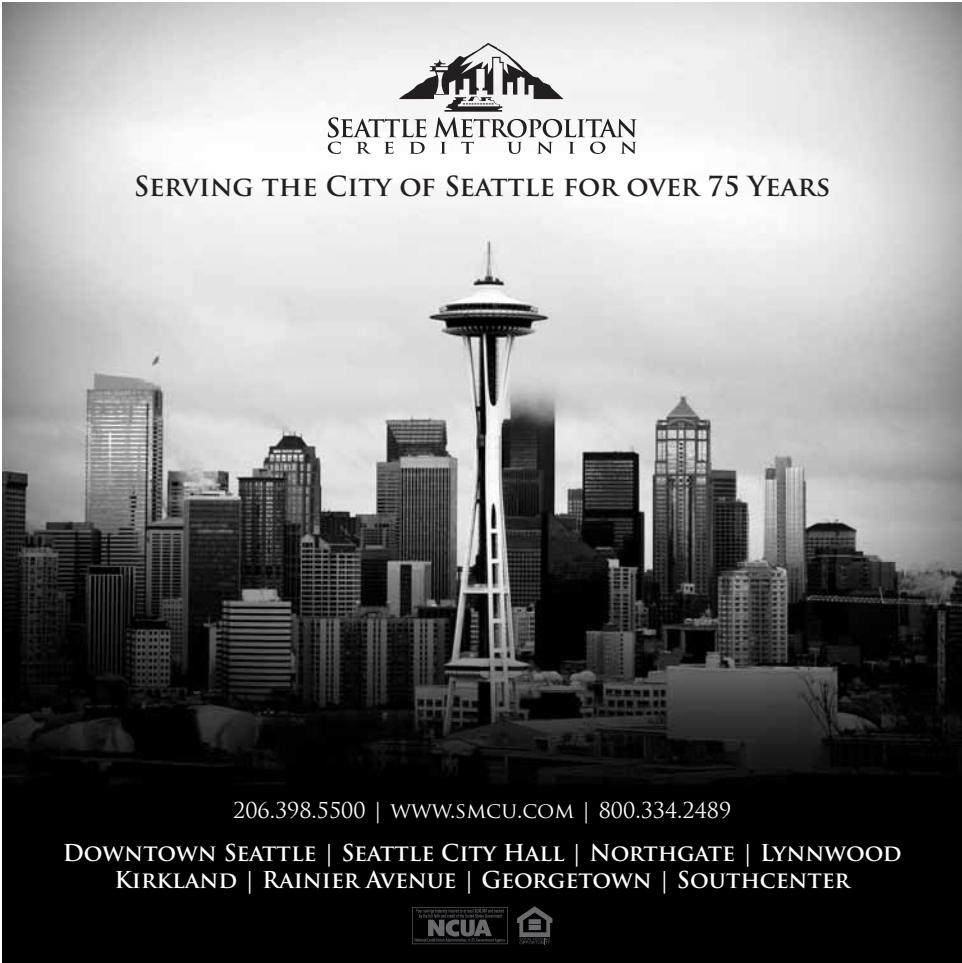
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Dr. Alexis Artwohl,
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Mistakes

By Sergeant Randy Woolery, OPA-IS

We have all made mistakes and we will all make more mistakes. Mistakes are a fact of life and can be great learning tools for yourself and others so the same mistakes are not repeated. Repeating the same mistake is a problem. Sometimes the repeated mistake has a low consequence so repeating it has little or no direct impact at the time. This then becomes complacency. Attitudes and work ethics centered around complacency and the routine, often stemming from low consequence experiences, can have very negative results.

Every occupation has different mistakes employees can and do make and these mistakes have different consequences. Take electricians and loggers for example. These are dangerous jobs that involve a lot of routine. The danger comes from the fact that when mistakes are made the consequences can be, and often are, fatal. The same is true in Law Enforcement, with one exception. Trees don't want to harm the logger; they are not aware they are going to be cut down and therefore actively avoid Joe lumberjack. Electricity does not think and make plans to fry the electrician as soon as he makes a mistake.

In law enforcement and the military (and maybe zoo keepers) your mistakes can be taken advantage of by someone who has your worst interests in mind. These types of mistakes have high value consequences and are often the result of complacency. I'm not an expert on tactical considerations; I'm not really an expert in anything. I just wanted to start off this article with a recognition that I understand, and hopefully you do too, that the attitudes and approaches you take in your chosen career can have a direct impact on your safety, the safety of other officers and the safety of the public in general.

One non-tactical area of complacency that I often get to see in OPA involves report writing. Recently, I read several interesting reports that to be honest I couldn't believe were written and I couldn't believe were approved. I also get to read a lot of use of force statements and these too range from the very, very good to the ones that leave you scratching your head in disbelief and dismay.

Other than the on-the-spot actions you take that save a life, prevent an injury or stop a theft, the major and most important job function we do on a daily basis is write reports. Patrol officers write reports all shift long. Detectives write reports about the patrol officer's reports. Supervisors write reports too.

We have to remember that not all reports are for prosecution purposes. They need to be complete, clear and within policy. Grammar is still important and text messaging shorthand and terms are not appropriate for police reports. Paragraphs are still used in the English language and they are a must in reports and statements. The reports and statements you generate will live on forever, especially in today's electronic world. People outside of the department will read them and if they are not clear and easy to understand, others might fill in the gaps or jump to the wrong conclusions. The media gets these reports and often posts them as links that everyone can read. And of course, everyone has a right to the majority of our reports because of the Open Public Records Act.

Every time you write a report, please take a few minutes to think about what you are writing and why you are writing it. When you're done with the report, ask yourself what you would think if your report, the *exact* report, was in the newspaper. Once the report is written and submitted it can't be changed. There is only one chance to get it write [sic] because follow-ups (they are called supplemental reports

now, I think) won't always fix it. The amount of explanation needed far outweighs the simplicity of doing it right the first time.

Clarity is equally important when writing a report. Be factual and use words and terms that are easy to understand. Most people in the real world don't exit their patrol vehicle; they get out of their car. Most people don't understand slang or jargon so don't use it in a report unless it is a quote. Paragraphs should be short and limited to one thought or action.

Accuracy is even more important than clarity. Minor errors can imply incompetence or dishonesty in the mind of the reader. We live in a world where people are less trustful of government and the police. We also live in a world where lawyers get paid based on the number of cases they win in civil court or the reasonable doubt they can create in a juror's mind. Accuracy is the best defense against this.

Always proofread your work. You think faster than you can write and your mind has the ability to know what you were trying to say so it is very hard to catch your own mistakes (trust me, I know. Thanks Leslie!). Proofreading your work gives you a chance to ask yourself if it makes sense or if this was really what you were trying to say. It increases clarity and accuracy and might avoid two hours of cross-examination because you wrote, “did” when you meant to write, “did not.” If you know the report or statement has a potential to become high profile, there is no excuse for not having someone else proofread it for you.

Supervisors need to take the time before approving reports to ensure they are properly written, accurate

and clear. Rarely will an officer/detective/supervisor be remembered for a particularly well-written report (other than the general positive reputation that comes from doing your job well); a really bad report can follow them for their entire career. The approving supervisor is the quality control part of this process. I can remember working third watch and the sergeant would announce over the air that he was in the parking lot at such and such a location approving reports. When you got there, there would be a small line of patrol vehicles with officers waiting to hand their reports to their sergeant who would read them and approve them prior to the end of shift. In a way, with the new queue system, officers are again handing their paperwork electronically to their supervisor who reads and approves them. The process might not be as simple as before but as professionals we adjust.

Don't let a poorly written, inaccurate, and unclear report come back and bite you. Someday it might. Even if you have written a 1000 reports this way in the past make it a practice from this point forward to think about what you are writing and why you are writing it. Your professional reputation can be at stake. Your ability to offer credible testimony as a witness (of a defendant in a civil procedure) can depend on it. Lastly, poorly written, opinionated reports open to the public can and do have a negative effect on the reputation and credibility of the entire Department.

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Officer of the Month

By Officer Christopher Hall, West Precinct

The SPOG Officer of the Month for August 2009 is Officer Eric Faust of the East Precinct, as nominated by Detective Jim Britt for his response to an officer involved shooting and actions at the scene.

On July 6, 2009 at about 6:45 PM Officers Jonathan Chin and Gerry House on-viewed a suspicious vehicle occupied by four males at 20th Avenue South and South Jackson Street. When the officers approached the vehicle, the driver backed up and attempted to flee. As the vehicle moved to get out of the parking lot, Officer Chin found himself located in front of the vehicle. One occupant of the vehicle was heard yelling, “Run him over!” The vehicle accelerated towards Officer Chin, who was forced to fire upon the vehicle. Officer House broadcast, “Shots fired” over the air. Officer House added that subjects were running from him and Officer Chin.

At the time of the broadcast, Officer Faust was only 4 blocks away, at 18th Avenue and East Yesler Way. Officer Faust responded to the scene, traveling southbound on 18th Avenue South to South Jackson Street and turning eastbound onto South Jackson Street. When he turned onto South Jackson Street, Officer Faust saw two subjects running westbound on South Jackson Street, away from Officers House and Chin. Officer Faust initially stopped his vehicle in the eastbound lane and began to exit to give chase to the fleeing suspects. Then Officer Faust saw the vehicle from which the suspects had fled. It was rolling, unoccupied, westbound in the westbound lane and picking up speed as it continued downhill.

West of this location is about 4 long blocks of downhill grade with parked

cars on each side as well as sidewalks that are busy with foot traffic at this time of day. At the bottom of the hill is a 5-way intersection that is known for congestion and heavy traffic, as well as a large amount of foot traffic due to the nearby business area.

Seeing the vehicle rolling unoccupied downhill, Officer Faust made a split second decision and, putting his car back in gear, moved his patrol car into the path of the rolling vehicle. The vehicle struck Officer Faust’s vehicle at a speed of about 20 MPH. Officer Faust was exiting his patrol vehicle at the time of the collision in order to chase the fleeing suspects. The collision threw Officer Faust from the vehicle and to the ground. Without hesitation, Officer Faust got back to his feet and chased down the two fleeing suspects, holding them on the ground at gunpoint until backup arrived and placed the suspects in handcuffs. The in-car video recording from Officer Faust’s vehicle clearly show his decision process and the heroism of his actions.

Officer Faust’s actions would be brave in perfect circumstances. But acting in the manner he did while rolling into an officer involved “shots fired” and having the clear-headed ability to recognize the looming danger to the public was heroic. Officer Faust’s actions not only led to the capture of 2 of the 4 fleeing suspects, but also saved certain property damage and quite probably the lives and safety of the public he is sworn to protect.

As the Officer of the Month, Officer Faust has selected the Help the Officer Fund as the recipient of the \$250 SMCU donation.

Please remember, e-mail nominations to oom@seattlepoliceguild.org or they can be sent to me through Department mail at the West Precinct. Stay safe.

MISSED THE DEADLINE TO JOIN THE RELIEF ASSOCIATION?

The SPRA staff receives many phone calls each year from sworn SPD officers who have been with the department for some years and want to join the Relief Association, but missed the enrollment deadline. In the past, those who missed enrolling on time and wanted to join had to pay back-dues to their original enrollment period. The Board has changed the By-laws to make it easier for officers who have been with the department for awhile to join.

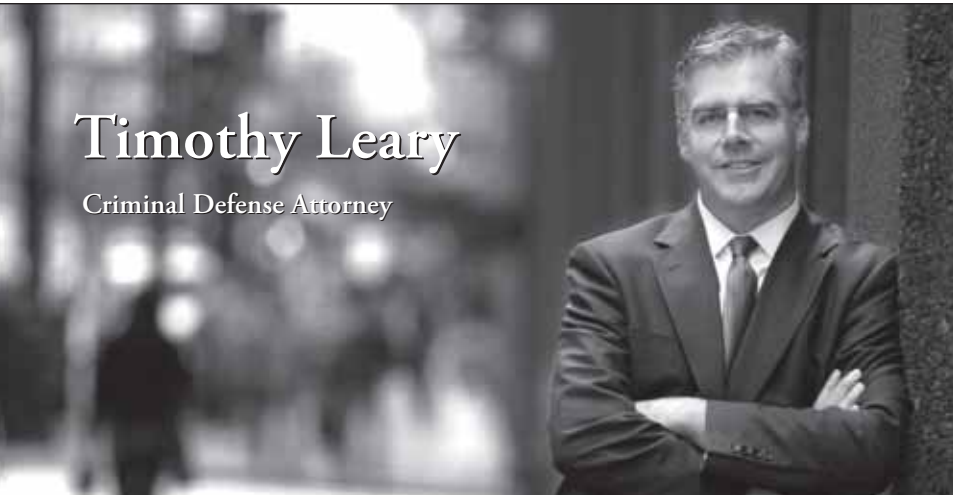
Change to By-laws Article III, Membership, Section 2

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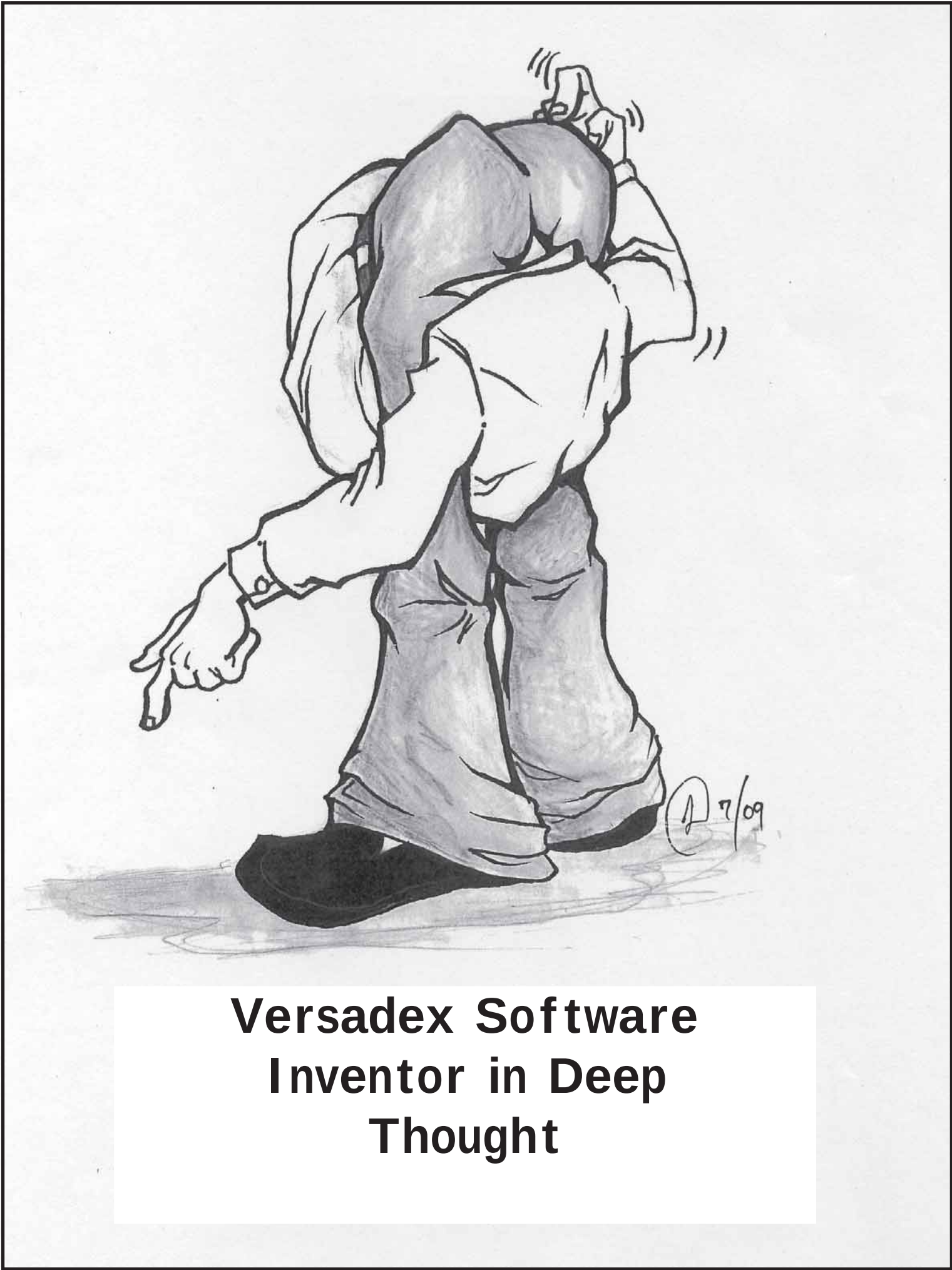
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Those Legendary Texas Rangers

What is Legendary?

Having just started this column on Legendary Lawmen a few months back it occurred to me that there are a few characteristics the men we’ve covered so far all seem to have in common. Many of the legends come from the “old west” and I thought it might be appropriate to take a look at (potentially) why...

First I suppose we have to recognize that movies made for the past several decades have presented the wild west as exactly that: wild - out of control. As such it took serious, skilled and dedicated men to stand up to the lawlessness. Many places in our country today are the same way - perhaps not as lawless as the movies made the old west appear - but haunted by bad people willing to do bad things and protected by skilled, serious, dedicated men who know the dangers of what they’re doing. They do it anyway. They are often miles from their nearest back up / support, and they don’t hesitate to face their job head on.

That spirit; that strength of character; that sense of duty if you will, seems to often be portrayed in books and movies by marshals, sheriffs, and rangers - all men of the law in that old / wild west. As such I thought it would be interesting to take a look at the history of the one organization that seems to keep coming up: the Texas Rangers.

The history of the Texas Rangers doesn’t actually start in the state of Texas; it starts in Mexico way back in 1821 - before Texas was a state. At that time Mexico still claimed Texas and one Stephen F. Austin assumed control of his father’s contracts to develop settlements in the Mexican province of Tejas. Austin built a militia to fend off attacks from various groups of Indians. In 1823 as the militia grew Austin referred to them as “rangers”. It wasn’t until more than fifty years later in 1874 that the term “Texas Ranger” appeared in the state’s legal documentation or legislation. Even then it wasn’t the official name of the

organization. And like Texas, the history and culture of the Texas Rangers is mixed. Caucasians, Hispanics and American Indians are all documented in the records of the Rangers serving at every rank as high as Captain. Early Rangers provided all of their own equipment and the assortment often followed them from their roots: Spanish pistols, Kentucky rifles, English Bowie knives and Mexican ponies.

The existence of the Texas Rangers certainly didn’t wait on legislation. In 1835, as the debate over Texas’ independence was raging, a group of colonial Texas representatives created a “Corps of Rangers”. That Corps was actually paid and was able to elect their own officers. The Corps’ first commander was R. M. Williamson nicknamed “three-legged” Williamson because of the wooden leg he used to support a crippled leg.

John Coffee “Jack” Hays, previously the subject of this column, arrived in San Antonio in 1837 and was a Ranger captain within three years. Hays, nicknamed by an Indian compatriot “brave too much” is credited with starting the Ranger tradition of toughness mixed with reliance on available technology. Colt revolvers, manufactured by Samuel Colt, were often used by Hays and his men to fight with deadly accuracy on the Texas frontier. One of Hays’ men, Samuel H. Walker, offered a suggestion to improve the Colt revolver that was adopted by Colt before the Mexican War. It’s a revolver history now records as being the “Walker Colt”.

In the late 1870s the Texas State legislature realized that lawless citizens were a larger problem that would need to be dealt with. Having created two Ranger groups in 1874, the state legislature then directed those Rangers to deal with the lawless. The Frontier Battalion under the command of Major John B. Jones and the Special Forces led by Cpt. Leander McNelly did their jobs well.

The following five years are part of Ranger history with fact being intermixed with legend to an almost inseperable degree.

The career of Ranger Cpt. Bill McDonald is credited with having spawned two sayings that reflect the spirit and outlook of Texas Rangers: “One Riot, One Ranger” and “No man in the wrong can stand up against a fellow that’s in the right and keeps on a-comin’.” Now when we look at that amount of history - bearing in mind that we haven’t even gotten to the year 1900 yet - it’s easy to see where the legendary lawmen of the old west can be found in the Texas Rangers. It’s easy to see where some of the legends and myths were spawned while the Rangers’ reputation was earned and is still respected today. This month - since this article is being released on April Fool’s Day - I was going to write a spoof about Texas Ranger Cordell Walker, the fictional character played by Chuck Norris in Walker Texas Ranger. After doing some research into the real Texas Rangers I thought this would be better. The fictional Cordell Walker may embody the character traits

today’s Texas Rangers actually carry, but he’s still fiction. The Texas Rangers, both past and present are real. And they tend, in this author’s opinion, to represent the better parts of Wild West law enforcement. I will look to their ranks for future columns.

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Charles Bennett was born in our Nation’s Capital and grew up in the Maryland suburbs. Mr. Bennett has been working in all aspects of the publishing industry since the late 1980s primarily in the fields of commercial photography and magazine production. Moving to California in 1992 to attend college resulted in B.F.A and Masters degrees. California also supplied Mr. Bennett with his wife. The two of them are avid sports persons and participate in shooting, scuba diving, surfing, running and bicycling. As a long time hobby Mr. Bennett has studied the legends of American law enforcement which led to his writing these columns.

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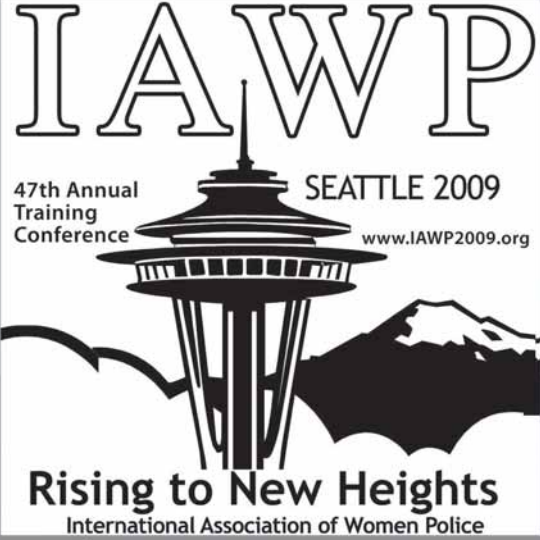
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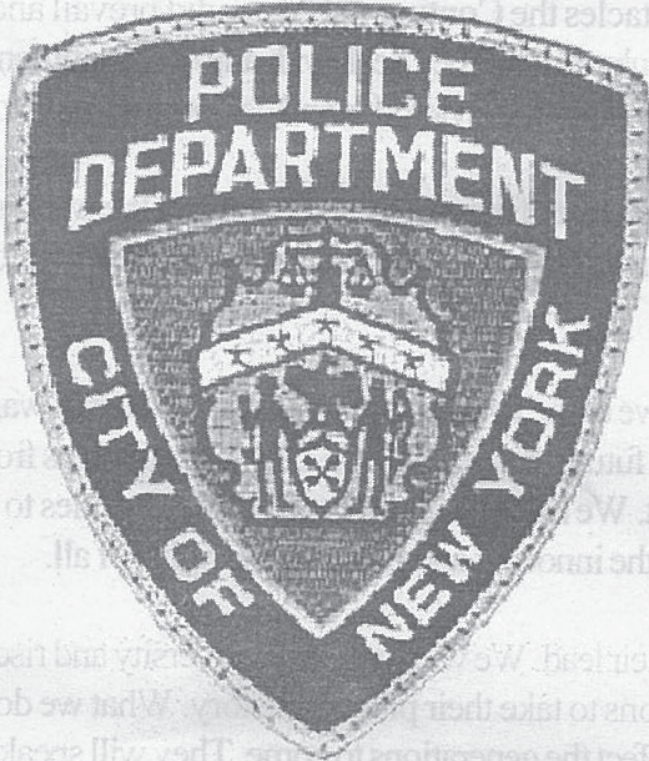
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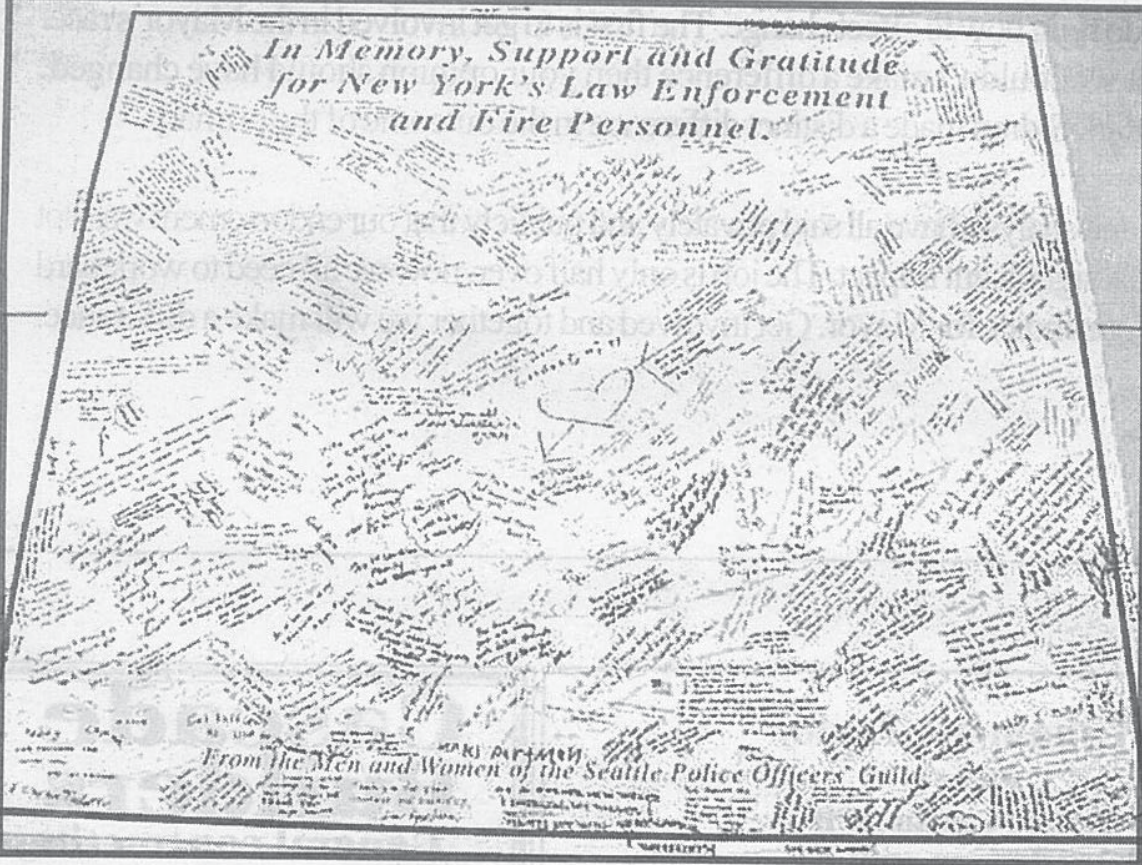
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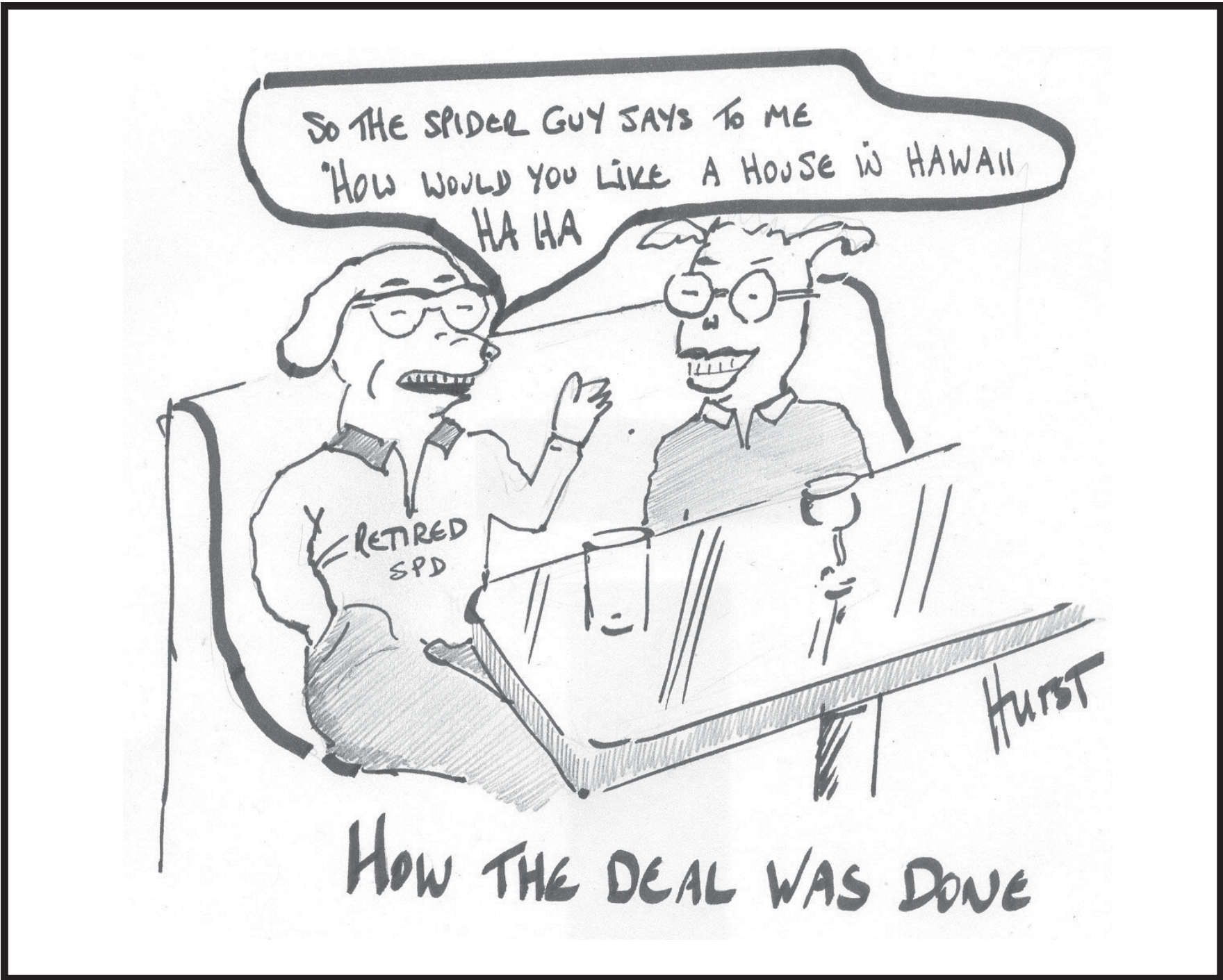
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LAPD North Bellevue PD West

By Officer Mike Severance, SPOG Secretary-Treasurer

Originally appearing in *The Guardian* in 1998

Many years ago, an SPD Lieutenant suggested that we change our uniforms to the LAPD/Bellevue PD style. Lieutenants did not have a lot of influence back then, and the idea faded away. That former lieutenant now occupies a much higher and influential rank. He requested that our Guild leadership test the waters with the membership in regards to a uniform change, and changing the colors of our police cars. The Guild survey on the subject was pretty evenly split.

Some officers opposed to the change have told me that some officers favoring the change have referred to them as “not progressive”. If we were to make the change, we would actually be regressing. Look at the old photos hanging on the walls of the precincts. SPD formerly wore the all dark uniforms.

When I mentioned this proposed change to a retired officer, he told me that the current uniform was being worn when he joined the department. He had been told that the change from the all dark uniform was the result of the on-duty death of one of our own. I decided that this was worth some investigation.

On the west wall of the 4th floor lobby in the Public Safety Building there are many small brass plates. When I joined the department, 43 of those plates had names engraved on them. There are now 55 engraved names of

Seattle police officers who have paid the ultimate price for the honor of being a public servant. One of those officers is James C. Brizedine #373. During the early morning hours of July 21, 1955, Jim and his partner were dispatched to a prowler call at 4227 4th Avenue NE. Jim was dropped off to approach the address from the alley while his partner drove the police car around to the front. As Jim was walking through the back yard of a neighboring house, the home owner looked out a window and saw a figure dressed all in black. This person grabbed his shotgun, and fired one shot through the window. Jim was hit in the chest and abdomen. He was admitted to King County Hospital #1 at 1:15 AM. He died during surgery. He would have celebrated his 33rd birthday on November 21, 1955. The home owner who shot Jim was charged with manslaughter.

I have spoken to many retired Seattle officers including a former Chief of Police and an officer who had coffee with Jim Brizedine shortly before his death and who was at the shooting scene. None of the retirees with whom I talked could recall the uniform change being related to Jim’s death. One retiree told me that the lighter blue shirt we currently wear was first used in the summer of 1956 or 1957. Maybe the change was for the comfort of our uniformed officers. I wonder what a dark uniform shirt with a bulletproof vest would feel like on a hot summer day. If there are any retired officers out there who know the reason behind the uniform change, I would like to hear from you.

During my 30 years with SPD, we did go through one face lift. In the early 70’s, Mayor Wes Unlman did his greatest service for the citizens of Seattle when he appointed George Tielsch as Chief of Police. A few short years later, Ulman did his greatest disservice to the citizens of Seattle when he fired Tielsch. The Chief had refused to compromise his integrity or his office by playing political footsie for the Mayor. Tielsch had made his mark while he was here. He took over SPD following the infamous payoff scandal and grand jury investigation and indictments. The reputation of SPD was lower than low. When he left, we were recognized as the finest police department on the west coast and one of the finest police departments in the nation. I don’t know if this was the opinion of the politicians or police administrators, but it was the opinion of the people who really count, the community and other working cops. I wish you could all have been here then. How did Tielsch accomplish this miracle? He gave us a face lift. The current shoulder patch came from George Tielsch. It was ugly when it was first issued, and it is still ugly. He gave us the blue and white color scheme for our police cars. He gave us our Canine Unit. He expanded and reorganized our Air Patrol Unit so that, for the first time, it became a regularly available and invaluable tool, primarily to Patrol. TV commentator turned mayor, Charlie Royer, got rid of the helicopters when he took office. The face lift that we

got would have been meaningless except for the fact that George Tielsch gave SPD something else. He gave us a heart transplant. Without that, the face lift would only have been skin deep.

Maybe we are in need of another heart transplant, but we could not survive the operation without first getting a massive transfusion such as about 130 more officers. With the critical staffing shortage crisis that we are facing, I am surprised that the SLT has the time to consider something as frivolous as a uniform change. I think they need to adjust their priorities.

In closing, I would like to say a few words on a much neglected part of our uniform. Over the years, very few officers have asked me why I always wear my uniform hat when I get out of my car on a stop or a call. On the evening of November 11, 1968, Officer Bob Allshaw was tragically shot and killed by another Seattle officer. Bob would most likely be alive today and be enjoying retirement if he had only been wearing his hat on that call. Bob Allshaw is the reason I wear my hat. The eight-point hat is immediately recognizable. While gathering information for this article, I also learned that Jim Brizedine was not wearing his hat when he was shot. When SPD did away with its minimum height requirements, the uniform hat took on another useful function. As ugly as that hat is, when you are wearing it, it makes you look much taller than you actually are.

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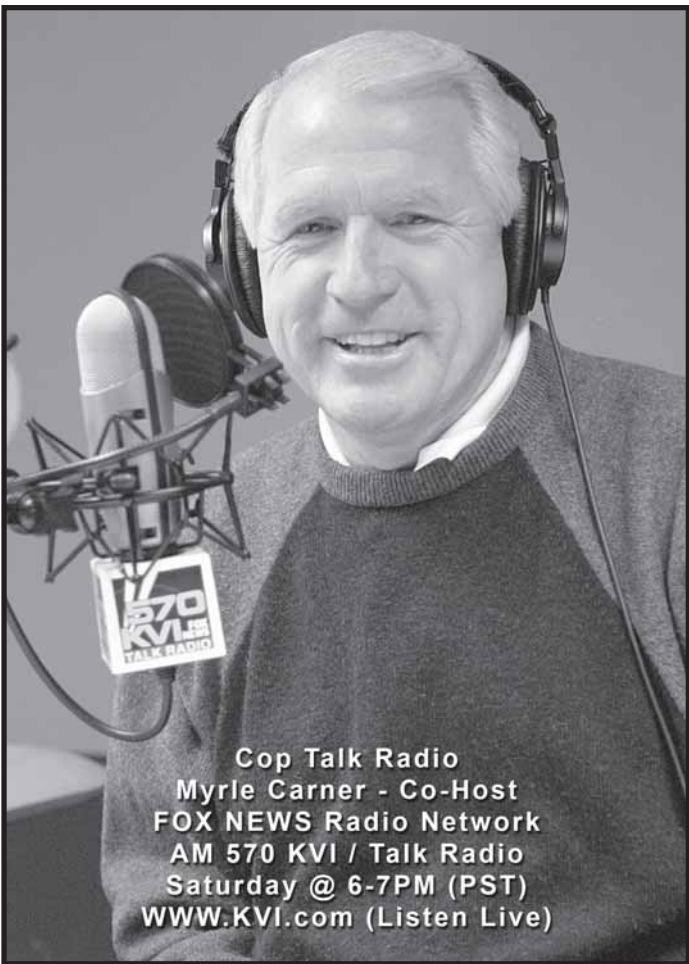
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Retired News

By Mike Germann

NEW SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT RETIREMENTS

Still nothing new to publish this month; no LEOFF I’s or LEOFF II’s. There might be a little retirement activity around year end.

LEOFF I COLA and SEATTLE POLICE PENSION ESCALATOR ADJUSTMENTS

The all important numbers from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) are in from San Francisco and the news is not good.

The June ’08 through June ’09 inflationary index is a NEGATIVE -0.7%. This is the number used in the SPOG, SPMA and other City of Settle collective bargaining unit agreements formula to determine salaries and ESCALATOR pension increases. Here are the important facts:

LEOFF I COLA:

The annual LEOFF I COLA which is due on April 1, 2010, is very likely going to be small (LIKE 0% to 0.5%) or it even could turn out to be a negative number.

It all depends on the CPI monthly numbers for the remaining months of 2009. IF THE ANNUAL CPI AVERAGE FOR 2009 IS A NEGATIVE NUMBER, YOU WILL SEE A LEOFF I PENSION REDUCTION INSTEAD OF AN INCREASE IN 2010. THE LAST TIME A LEOFF I PENSION REDUCTION OCCURRED WAS IN 1984, WHICH SAW A NEGATIVE CPI NUMBER OF -0.27%. LEOFF I Pensioners and lawful beneficiaries had their pensions reduced in that year. Again, this could happen again in 2010. We have to wait and see. LEOFF I has a true COLA which can increase and decrease, as opposed to the Escalator which has a floor of 2%, FOR THOSE SO ENTITLED.

LEOFF II COLA

Although the index is different than LEOFF I to determine the actual percentage adjustment, the LEOFF II COLA due to those so entitled on July 1, 2010 is likely to be close to 0% to 0.5% or thereabouts. Only time will tell the whole story.

SEATTLE POLICE PENSION FUND (CITY) ESCALATOR

For those Seattle Police pensioners who have a Police Pension Fund Escalator entitlement or dual entitlements, both LEOFF I and Seattle Police Pension Fund (City) Escalator, and who receive the “BEST OF BOTH,” the news from that front is better.

Effective January 6, 2010, probably payable on March 1, 2010, two escalator increases will take effect FOR THOSE SO ENTITLED, as follows:

- **SOME SPOG pensioners and some lawful beneficiaries will see about a 6% pension increase, again, FOR THOSE SO ENTITLED;
- **SOME SPMA pensioners and certain others will see a about a 5% pension increase across the board.

Remember, the “best of both” formula will determine the actual dollars you may receive. That is to say if your 2010 increases are due to dual entitlements certain pension rules and contract terms apply to calculating your pension benefit.

Summarizing, here’s about where things stand with Seattle Police Pension and other pension benefit systems right now:

- Social Security retirement benefits
NO INCREASE LIKELY IN 2010
- Military retirement benefits

- NO INCREASE LIKELY IN 2010
- LEOFF I and LEOFF II
Perhaps a small increase of 0% - 0.5%
OR a small decrease in 2010
- Seattle Police Pension Fund Escalator (for those so entitled)
SPOG retirees and some lawful beneficiaries:
about a 6% escalator increase in 2010
- SPMA retirees and certain others:
about a 5% escalator increase in 2010

These 2010 increases are due to the foresight of two bargaining unit leaders and their negotiating teams:

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Any questions about pension benefits may be directed to Mike Germann, Seattle Police Pension Office Executive Secretary:

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P.S. You may ask “Why is Mike publishing all of this now?” Mike won’t be here next year to publish anything. He’s retiring after 43 years of City of Seattle service as most of you know. The Seattle Police Pension Board still has not nominated and confirmed a successor Executive Secretary.

RETIRED SEATTLE POLICE OFFICERS’ ASSOCIATION NEWS
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
August 12, 2009

President Taylor called the meeting order at 11:35 in the dining room of the Four Seas restaurant August 12th 2009. Elmer Whitman led the Pledge of Allegiance. Taylor asked all to remain standing for a moment of silence for Paul Jasperson who passed away August 7th.

Roll Call of officers showed Taylor, Nick Bulpin, Mike Slessman, Paul Peterson, Pat Munter and John Nordlund to be present with Dick Rovig and John Sullivan being excused.

President Taylor directed everyone to the minutes of the July meeting that have been distributed and asked for any corrections, additions or deletions. Ed Turner made a motion the minutes be accepted as written, seconded by Ted Fonis and passed. Nick Bulpin gave the financial report and stated it would be submitted for audit.

President Taylor recognized Morey Skaret and Elsie Freeland who have not been attendance for some time. Morey just celebrated his 96th birthday.

John Guich reminded everyone of the RAP picnic tomorrow at the Police Range beginning at 10:00 with lunch served about 1:30 at no cost.

President Taylor reminded everyone of the Retired Officers Banquet on September 9th and there will be no September meeting at the Four Seas. He also stated the Medical Benefits Study is now in Phase II and members will be kept informed of any progress.

Mike Germann, Executive Secretary of the Police

Pension Office, informed everyone he will be retiring December 31st after 43 years with the city. He reported for the first time the COLA will show a negative and LEOFF 1 members may see a decrease in pension benefits next year. He will know more after the CPI numbers are issued at the end of the year. Retirees under 41.20 will not be affected due to the Guild contract. Members under the Management Association can expect a 5% increase for Lieutenants and Captains. The rank above Captain will have their salaries frozen by the city. He also stated there will be no increase for those on Social Security or Military pensions. Germann stated a more explanatory article will be spelled out in an up-coming *Guardian* issue. Germann stated he sees no impact on retirees due to the Health-Care issue now before Congress.

Jerry Jorve reported the Blue Clan reunion is scheduled for March 20th 2010 and 50 participants will be needed to enjoy the same facility as this year.

There being no further business Dick Sherwood moved the meeting be adjourned seconded by Ed Turner and 57 people again enjoyed another great lunch.

Nick Bulpin, Secretary/Treasurer

FREEDOM of INFORMATION ACT REQUEST(S)
Some LEOFF I retirees and some retirees of other State of Washington retirement systems have received letters from the Department of Retirement Systems (D.R.S) stating their pension entitlement is being disclosed as a matter of public record.

NOT TO WORRY.

These kinds of Freedom of Information (F.O.I.) requests go on all the time. You, the individual pension recipient have nothing to be concerned about regarding these kinds of matters. Call the Seattle Police Pension Office at (206) 386-1286 if you want to talk about it or the Washington Department of Retirement Systems at 1-800-547-6657.

66th ANNUAL RETIRED SEATTLE POLICE OFFICERS’ BANQUET

Most Seattle Police Department retirees, lawful beneficiaries (widows) and others should have received their invitations in the mail by now for the: 66th Annual Retired Seattle Police Officers’ Banquet
date: September 9, 2009 (Wednesday)
time: Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
location: Seattle Police Athletic Association Pavilion at the Range

ALL ATTENDEES need to have a ticket for this event.
If you haven’t received your invitation and ticket(s) by now, call
· Lynn
· Lisa
at the Seattle Police Relief Association business office at (206) 726-9095. They will get you set up to attend. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

QUESTIONS ABOUT HEALTH CARE FOR SEATTLE POLICE LEOFF I and ESCALATOR RETIREES
Many have called asking whether or not their health care benefits from the Seattle Police Relief and Pension Fund could be affected by the National Health Care Reform Initiative.

The answer is “no.” Those folks nationwide, including seniors on Medicare, are not very likely to see substantial changes in their medical and prescription drug benefits, if they are on a stable, statutory plan, i.e.; Seattle Police Relief and Pension Fund. Be grateful for what you have!

September 2009 Retirees' Birthdays

William C. **Allen** (8), Suzanne E. **Allshaw** (13), Gordon E. **Barnett** (21), Howard L. **Baus** (5), Marilyn J. **Beem** (22), Michael J. **Bolger** (28), John R. **Boren** (24), Robert G. **Brown** (26), William K. **Buckwalter** (11), Owen C. **Burt** (24), Loren B. **Burtis** (18), Kaaran A. **Cannon** (11), Ronald D. **Chapman** (8), Duane L. **Christensen** (27), John H. **Collins** (10), Michael J. **Crist** (16), Robert M. **Davis** (1), Millicent **Deforeest** (9), Nadine **Dias** (10), Barbara J. **Dietrich** (6), Anthony L. **Enders** (15), Brian E. **Englin** (15), Larry A. **Estep** (13), Dennis **Falk** (4), Philip R. **Forsell** (5), Alfred K. **Fridell** (21), Douglas M. **Fritschy** (10), Michael R. **Gregg** (25), Gordon D. **Grosvenor** (13), Barbara J. **Grout** (20), Leroy J. **Habryle** (29), Madeleine **Hagen** (14), John R. **Hannah** (17), Thomas A. **Harrigan** (7), Larry L. **Hay** (22), Robert L. **Hoff** (28), Janice **Jackson** (27), Robert L. **Japar** (1), Thomas W. **Jeffers** (15), Verlin L. **Judd** (19), Frank B. **Kampsen** (22), Alan L. **Kemper** (23), Steven B. **Knechtel** (23), Chris R. **Kolar** (15), Douglas C. **Lewis** (28), Duane P. **Lewis** (23), Charles M. **Lindblom** (3), Louis V. **Marks** (28), James I. **Mason** (29), David M. **Mathews** (1), Robert D. **McNeilly** (16), Charlotte **Meek** (21), Janet F. **Miller** (9), William **Moore** (11), David G. **Murray** (6), Jay A. **Nicholson** (17), John K. **Nordlund** (24), Margaret **Odlin** (29), Robert C. **Parke** (16), John D. **Pedersen** (2), Michael R. **Petras** (21), Terry R. **Pope** (18), Thelma L. **Porter** (14), Stanley Alan **Price, Jr** (4), David P. **Prideaux** (4), Leroy P. **Reed** (22), Bette **Roscoe** (17), Joseph A. **Sanford** (11), William D. **Schenck** (20), Gregory F. **Seth** (1), Nils R. **Seth** (23), Patricia M. **Smith** (26), Sharon S. **Swindler** (17), Ronald S. **Sylve** (7), Frances **Sylvester** (23), Ronald E. **Testerman** (9), Vernon A. **Thole** (17), Arthur **Vanpuymbrouck** (14), Michael M. **Walker** (25), Michael W. **Ward** (19), Margaret D. **Waters** (12), Kathleen M. **Whalen** (27), Helen D. **Wicklund** (6), Gary D. **Williams** (14), Donald E. **Wood** (25), Patricia Ryan **Wranstedt** (13), Billy **Wright** (20), Quentin L. **Youk** (27), Sidney C. **Zielke** (9)

SPOG is not responsible for any omissions or errors in the Retired Birthdays. Please take up any changes with the SPD Pension Office

Last Ring



In Memoriam

Paul L. Jasperson, #2082, retired Seattle Police Sergeant, passed away on Friday, August 7, 2009, following a long illness, at his Lake Taps home. He was 72 years of age upon his death.

Paul Jasperson was born on July 27, 1937. He was appointed a “Patrolman” of the Seattle Police Department on September 12, 1960. Paul served as a sworn police officer, sergeant and detective-sergeant for 30 years, retiring on October 16, 1990. He served in both uniformed and plain clothes assignments. Paul Jasperson was a “stand up guy,” well-liked, trusted, and respected by all who knew him.

Paul had one singular trait, unto himself. He would straighten out a metal paper clip and use it as a toothpick. I’ve seen a lot of things in my time, but nothing like that, before or since.

Paul is survived by his loving wife of 12 years, Donna Joe, who cared for him around the clock, 24/7, during his months of illness. The woman is a saint.

No services are planned. Paul Jasperson was a U.S. Navy veteran and his remains will rest in Tahoma National Cemetery.

Also surviving are three daughters, three step-sons and fourteen grandchildren, who brought much joy into Paul’s life. **Ethel I. Lui**, age 92, passed away on July 17, 2009, in Seattle, Washington. She was the widow and lawful beneficiary of deceased retired Seattle Police Sergeant Theodore “Ted” Lui, #469, who served as a Seattle Police Officer and Sergeant from December 16, 1941 until his retirement on July 5, 1967, following 25 years of service. Ted passed away on May 12, 1999.



Kaaren Loso, age 61, passed away on July 19, 2009. She was the wife of a well-known retired member, Ray Loso. Ray is also having some medical problems of his own and we not only send our condolences to Ray, we also send our best wished as he undergoes treatment.



MAY THEY ALL REST IN PEACE

Attention All Retired SPOG & SPMA Members

The new SPOG Trust Maui Condo is now accepting names for the waiting list.

Any retired SPOG or SPMA members who would like to be considered for a vacancy should call the SPOG office and place their name on the waiting list

Call Elizabeth at the SPOG Office for more information or to place your name on the list:
(206) 767-1150

Do you have an upcoming IIS Interview?
Contact SPOG now to schedule a rep!
206-767-1150 or online at www.seattlepoliceguild.org

Important Date!!!!
SPOG Membership Meeting
Wednesday, September 30th
2000 hours
Complimentary Dinner All Members Welcome

Have you seen exemplary service from a fellow officer lately?



Send your nominations to:
Officer Chris Hall, West Precinct
OOM@seattlepoliceguild.org

Editor's Notes

By Detective Ron Smith, Editor



It's an exciting time to be an active part of the SPOG PAC Committee and Board of Directors! We have witnessed an entrenched incumbent Mayor go down in flames in the primary, thus opening the door for SPOG to jump into this race and endorse Joe Mallahan and help him become Seattle's 56th Mayor. Mr. Mallahan understands public safety, has been receptive to issues important to SPOG as well as numerous other issues important to the city. He is far from a one-issue candidate like his opponent, and I am pretty sure he won't be requiring his SPD security detail to ride mountain bikes when he takes office, unlike his opponents privately stated goal. Stay tuned for opportunities this fall in which you can help the PAC Committee get Joe Mallahan, Jessie Israel, Robert Rosencrantz, Richard Conlin and Sally Bagshaw elected in November. Remember, the people elected to these offices have a DIRECT impact on your wages, benefits and working conditions. Get involved to help ensure SPOG remains a rising force in the local political arena!

I am a political junkie. I love C-SPAN, the History Channel and anywhere I can learn about the political angles that lead us from this country's founding to the modern day issues. I have always been interested in who serves in the United States Senate, House of Representatives and the like. I guess having been stationed in Washington D.C. for three years while in the Army has something to do with my interest. I was part of countless ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery during that time, and got to see high-ranking U.S. officials up close and personal. I am the guy who watches cable news all night on election night and on Inauguration Day. When Senator Edward Kennedy passed last week, the nation lost one of its most effective lawmakers ever, and a tangible part of U.S. history has closed forever. While his politics were vastly different than mine, I couldn't help but to respect him. I will never forget standing on the steps of the U.S. Capitol some ten years ago with the Honor Guard preparing to serve as a flag bearer on National Peace Officer Memorial Day. I saw Senator Kennedy walk out of the Capitol and start shuffling, head down in apparent deep thought toward where the cops were standing. He stopped adjacent to where I was standing, straightened up a bit and said with his New England accent, "Where are you from young man." I promptly told him, and he extended his hand and thanked me for my service. I will never forget that moment. I spent all day on August 29th watching his Boston funeral, motorcade from Andrews Air Force Base to the U.S. Capitol and his final journey across the Memorial Bridge to the hallowed grounds of Arlington National Cemetery for burial next to his brothers. That gravesite, with the eternal flame at JFK's grave and simple white cross at RFK's grave is worth the trip to Arlington. What struck me most on this day was the graciousness of the Kennedy family. I am glad I spent a partly cloudy late summer Saturday in my recliner watching this unfold on TV; I just wish my little princess were old enough to witness history. One day, maybe she will like it as much as I do.

I noticed an article in a recent edition of *The News Tribune*, where a spokesman from the ACLU expressed concern that the government was using Automated License Plate Reader cars to store and share information. If only the ACLU would express some concern that the United States government is hell bent on controlling health care, so that they can ultimately control the people. Read HR3200 for yourself and see if you are buying what the POTUS and his ilk are spewing. Just say NO to SOCIALISM!

Until next month, be safe out there! Feel free to contact me with your comments and suggestions at spogguardian@yahoo.com. "It does not require a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority keen to set brush fires in people's minds"- Samuel Adams.

Calendar of Events

- Labor Day (SPOG Office Closed)
Monday, September 7th
- 66th Annual Retired Officers Banquet
Wednesday, September 9th @ 1800hours at the SPAA Pavilion
- Seattle Police Relief Association board meeting at the SPRAG Office
Wednesday, September 9th at 1300 hours
- 44th Annual IAWP Training Conference
September 20th-24th at the Westin Seattle
- SPOG Membership Meeting
Wednesday, September 30th at 2000 hours
- August 2010 SPOG Hawaii Condo Drawing
Wednesday, September 30th during the SPOG Membership Meeting

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